



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEARAS, Popular Fiction Association of Idaho, Inc. is a volunteer, non-profit, community based organization that promotes education and literacy in the community; and

WHEREAS, children need to be encouraged to read and write and be rewarded for their efforts to expand their knowledge and imagination; and

WHEREAS, it is good for the community to have authors, editors, and agents speak to and advise society about mystery writing; and

WHEREAS, Popular Fiction Association of Idaho, Inc. has volunteered to organize the giving of an annual award by the State of Idaho to an author who has significantly contributed to the mystery field; and

WHEREAS, such award shall be named after Idaho's best selling suspense author, Ridley Pearson and Ridley Pearson has agreed that such an award be named after him; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Hart is the author of more than thirty-five novels, is a widely acclaimed author of mystery and general fiction, and she has been chosen to be the fifth recipient of The Ridley;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim that THE RIDLEY be given annually to a writer who has significantly contributed to the mystery field and that the fifth recipient of "The Ridley" be Carolyn Hart on June 11th, 2005, at Boise's annual mystery conference, Murder in the Grove.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this thirty-first day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Devin Isurua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DEVIN ISURUA
SECRETARY OF STATE